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22 OCT 1976

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Dear Mr. Doney:

I am writing in reference to your letter of October 7, and previous correspondence, inquiring about the U.S. Government's recovery of damages from the Government of Israel for the attack on the "U.S.S. Liberty" on June 8, 1967.

The answers to the questions in your letter are as follows:

1. The Government of the United States presented to the Government of Israel a claim for damages to the "U.S.S. Liberty" on July 1, 1968.

2. The claim was in the amount of $7.6 million.

3. An explanation for nonpayment of the amount claimed has not been offered by the Government of Israel. Interest was not included as an element of the claim.

4. The Government of Israel has questioned the amount of the claim.

5. The United States last requested payment of the claim on or about September 22, 1971. Notwithstanding the nonpayment, the Government of the United States considers the claim as an outstanding obligation of the Government of Israel and intends to pursue the matter at an appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Schwebel
Deputy Legal Adviser

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10/22/76

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EB/IFD/OMA:CHErvin
Dep. Asst. JAG, Dept. of Navy: Capt. W. D. Pfeiffer (By Phone)

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